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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of H. R. 7135, "To amend the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964"

1. I called the Civil Service Commission to determine its position concerning H. R. 7135 and spoke to Gene Scallan, Office of the General Counsel, who is preparing their reply. Scallan stated that the reply had not been given any priority since the Civil Service Commission is not affected.
2. I explained to Scallan our strong interest in the bill and that CIA and other civilian agencies were limited to a \$6,500 limitation on claims; whereas, the military service agencies had raised their ceiling to \$10,000 by an amendment to the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act in 1965. I pointed out that with rising costs the \$6,500 ceiling is inadequate and that there are several claims now pending which substantially exceed the present ceiling. Scallan was not aware of this background and he clearly supported our position.
3. I further explained that CIA had not been requested to submit comments on the bill and we would be reluctant to be out front in supporting the legislation in view of the cover arrangements of our personnel serving overseas. Scallan understood and felt that the Civil Service Commission should support the bill in behalf of all civilian Government agencies that are limited to the \$6,500 ceiling.
4. Scallan suggested that a letter be sent from the Agency to the Deputy General Counsel of the Civil Service Commission explaining the Agency's position and requesting that the Commission support the bill. This would serve as a back up for the Commission and would expedite submission to OMB of the Civil Service Commission's report to the Congress.

5. After my call to Scallan and after several unsuccessful calls to determine State's position, I spoke with Mrs. Waskewich, Legislative Research Office, Department of State. She informed me that State, in coordination with USIA and AID, had submitted its position supporting the bill to OMB in June. She will furnish us a copy of their report.



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6. (Unclassified - P LC) Called Office of General Counsel, U. S. Civil Service Commission, and discussed with Gene Scallan CSC's position regarding H. R. 7135, which amends the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964. I explained our strong concern to have the present ceiling for claims involving civilian agencies of the Government raised from \$6,500 to \$10,000. Scallan clearly supported our position. He suggested that we submit a letter to CSC explaining our position and they will expedite their reply to OMB supporting the bill.

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